made available to the 'Goa Freedom Fighters';

(b) if not whether such proposal is under consideration of Government,

(c) whether any proposal in this regard has been forwarded by the Government to the Maharashtra Government for its consideration, and

(d) if so, what is the reaction of the Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI). (a) Yes, Sir

(b) to (d) Question do not arise.

Conversion of Central Nuclear Board into a Corporation

2295 SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER. Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to convert the Central Nuclear Board into a Corporation; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir Government is considering a proposal for converting the existing Nuclear Power Board into a Corporation.

(b) Details of the proposal are being worked out

Gadgil Formula

2296 SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) what are the details of the Gadgil Formula;

(b) what are the names of the States which have sought changes in it, and

(c) what are the reasons for which these States have sought the changes?

THE MINISTER OE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SUKH RAM) (a) The Modified Gadgil Formula as approved by the National Development Council in August, 1980 for the allocation of Central assistance for State Plans is as under:

I A lumpsum amount is set apart for meeting the requirements of eight special category States, viz., Assam, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Manipur, Meghalya, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura.

II The balance of the Central assistance is to be allocated among the remaining 14 States in the following manner.—

(i) 60 per cent on the basis of population;

(ii) 20 per cent on the basis of per capita income—only to States having per capita income below the national average,

(iii) 10 per cent on the basis of tax effort,

(iv) 10 per cent for special problems of States.

(b) The States which have suggested changes in the Modified Gadgil Formula include Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh

(c) The States have sought changes in the Modified Gadgil Formula on different grounds. The less developed States have pleaded to increase the weightage given to the per capita income criterion so as to channelise larger flow of assistance to them States which are sparsely populated have advocated for inclusion of 'area' as one of the criteria for distribution of Central assistance Some States have pleaded to give more weightage to 'tax effort' and consider it in relation to factors like taxable capacity and size of the State. Some of the other reasons advanced are to give weightage to the factors